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PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

The 11th March, 2016

No. 5-PLA-2016/217.-The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2016 is hereby published for general information under the proviso to rule 121 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly):-

Bill No. 5-PLA-2016

THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

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further to amend the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Sixty-Seventh Year of Republic of India, as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Act, 2016. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Amendment in
section 26 of
Punjab Act 23 of
1961.

2. In the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 26, after clause (xi), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(xi-a) payment of premium on insurance of farmers, who sell their produce in the markets established under this Act;”.

Amendment in
section 28 of
Punjab Act 23 of
1961.

3. In the principal Act, in section 28, after clause (xi), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:

“(xi-a) payment of premium on insurance of farmers, who sell their produce in the markets established in the notified market area of a Market Committee constituted under this Act;”.

Repeal and
Saving.

4. (1) The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (Punjab Ordinance No. 3 of 2016), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance referred to in sub-section (1), shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Punjab Government has decided to implement Health and Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for all those farmers who sell their produce in the Markets established under the Punjab Agricultural Produce Market Act, 1961. All such farmers will be provided a health insurance cover of Rs. 50,000 and Personal Accident Insurance of Rs. 5 lac under Bhagat Puran Singh Health Insurance Scheme and the expenditure so involved to implement this scheme will be borne by the Punjab State Agricultural Marketing Board and the Market Committees.

2.0 In order to enable the Board and the Market Committees to pay the premium of such insurance, requisite provisions were made in Sections 26 and 28 of the Act *ibid* through the Punjab Agricultural Produce markets (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016. This Ordinance is now being converted into an Act.

TOTA SINGH,

Minister for Agriculture, Punjab.

CHANDIGARH:
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No. 4-PLA-2016/218.-The Punjab Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2016 is hereby published for general information under the proviso to rule 121 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly):-

Bill No. 4-PLA-2016

THE PUNJAB RURAL DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

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further to amend the Punjab Rural Development Act, 1987.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Sixty-Seventh Year of Republic of India as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Rural Development (Amendment) Act, 2016. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Insertion of new
section 6-A in
Punjab Act 6 of
1987.

2. In the Punjab Rural Development Act, 1987, after section 6, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-

"6-A. Subject to the control of the Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Finance, who shall be the final audit
authority, the accounts of the Fund shall be audited,
Audit of Fund as far as possible once in a year or half yearly, as the
Government may direct, by or under the orders of
the Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, Punjab".

Repeal and
Saving.

3. (1) The Punjab Rural Development (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (Punjab Ordinance No. 2 of 2016), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance referred to in sub-section (1), shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Punjab Rural Development Act, 1987 has been enacted with a view to accelerate rural development, augment agricultural production, improve facilities to the dealers and purchasers of agricultural produce to provide for relief for loss of agricultural produce due to natural calamities. The Punjab Rural Development Board established under the Act has been functioning and operating the Punjab Rural Development Fund for the last many years.

2.0 In order to ensure fair and proper use of the fund in a transparent manner, an Ordinance was issued vide Notification No. 3-Leg./2016 of 25th February 2016 to amend the Act *ibid* to provide for statutory audit thereof by the Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, Punjab. The Ordinance is now being converted into an Act.

TOTA SINGH,

Minister for Agriculture, Punjab.

CHANDIGARH:
The 11th March, 2016

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